

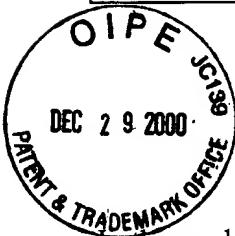
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated December 4, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 19, line 13, change "9M" to --9L--;
line 16, change "10M" to --10L--.